

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

| House Meets At...   | Votes Predicted At...       |
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| 10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business<br>Fifteen "One Minutes" Per Side | Last Vote: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. |

**Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.**

**Floor Schedule and Procedure**

- **Complete Consideration of H.R. 6842 – The National Capital Security and Safety Act (Rep. Norton –Oversight & Government Reform):**  
Votes on the bill will proceed as follows:
  - Postponed vote on amendment to the bill.
    1. **Childers Amendment:** The substitute repeals the District of Columbia semi-automatic weapons ban, restores the right of self-defense in the home, authorizes purchases of firearms by law-abiding D.C. residents through the purchase of weapons from federally approved firearm dealers in Maryland and Virginia, and repeals the firearm registration requirement currently in place in the District of Columbia
  - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
  - Vote on final passage of the bill.
- **Suspension Bills:** Today, the House will consider several bills on the Suspension calendar. Bills considered on the Suspension calendar are debatable for 40 minutes; may not be amended; and require a two-thirds vote for passage.
  1. **S. 3406** - ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (Rep. Hoyer/Rep. Sensenbrenner/Sen. Harkin/Sen. Hatch - Education and Labor/Judiciary/Transportation and Infrastructure/Energy and Commerce)
  2. **H.R. 2608** – The SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act (Rep. McDermott – Ways and Means)

3. **H.R. 6893** – The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (Rep. McDermott – Ways and Means)
4. **H.Res. 1432** - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children in foster care awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, recognizing current programs and efforts designed to promote adoption, and encouraging people in the United States to seek improved safety, permanency, and well-being for all children (Rep. Porter – Ways and Means)
5. **H.R. 6681** - Designates a postal facility in New Lenox, Illinois, after Jacob M. Lowell (Rep. Weller – Oversight and Government Reform)
6. **H.R. 6229** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Mayor William 'Bill' Sandberg Post Office Building" (Rep. McCollum – Oversight and Government Reform)
7. **H.R. 6338** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the "Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building" (Rep. Klein – Oversight and Government Reform)
8. **S. 171** - A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the "Mickey Mantle Post Office Building" (Sen. Inhofe – Oversight and Government Reform)
9. **H.R. 6772** - Designates a postal facility after CeeCee Ross Lyles (Rep. Mahoney – Oversight and Government Reform)
10. **H.Res. 1356** - Celebrating the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America, and for other purposes (Rep. Garrett – Oversight and Government Reform)
11. **S. 996** - To amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects (Sen. Feinstein – Transportation and Infrastructure)
12. **H.Con.Res. 408** - Recognizing North Platte, Nebraska, as "Rail Town USA" (Rep. Smith (NE) - Transportation and Infrastructure)
13. **H.R. 3986** - The John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2007 (Rep. Oberstar - Transportation and Infrastructure)
14. **H.R. 6460** - The Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Rep. Ehlers – Transportation and Infrastructure)

15. **S.J.Res. 35** - To amend Public Law 108-331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona (Sen. Leahy – Transportation and Infrastructure)
16. **H.R. 6627** - The Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008 (Rep. Oberstar – Transportation and Infrastructure)
17. **H.R. 5840** - Office of Insurance Information (Rep. Kanjorski – Financial Services)
18. **H.R. 5611** - National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act of 2008 (Rep. Scott (GA) – Financial Services)
19. **H.R. 3019** – Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act (Rep. Biggert – Financial Services)
20. **H.R. 5772** - Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008 (Rep. Murphy (CT) – Financial Services)
21. **H.R. 998** - Civil Rights History Project of 2007 (Rep. McCarthy (NY) – House Administration)
22. **H.Con.Res. 388** - Sense of Congress that Department of Defense and the Federal Voting Assistance Program should take certain additional and timely measures to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their dependents are provided with reasonable information on how to register to vote and vote in the 2008 general election (Rep. Blunt – House Administration)
23. **H.R. 6625** - Veteran Voting Support Act (Rep. Brady (PA) – House Administration)
24. **H.Con.Res. 61** - Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States flag flown over the United States Capitol should be lowered to half-mast one day each month in honor of the brave men and women from the United States who have lost their lives in military conflicts (Rep. Davis, L. (TN) - House Administration)
25. **H.Con.Res. 415** - Celebrating 75 years of effective State-based alcohol regulation and recognizing State lawmakers, regulators, law enforcement officers, the public health community and industry members for creating a workable, legal, and successful system of alcoholic beverage regulation, distribution, and sale (Rep. Coble - Judiciary)

- **Postponed Suspension Votes:**

1. **H.R. 5350** - To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia, and for other purposes (Rep. Scott (VA) – Natural Resources)
2. **H.R. 3437** - To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado (Rep. Salazar – Natural Resources)
3. **H.R. 2535** - To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes, and for other purposes (Rep. Nunes – Natural Resources)
4. **H.R. 5293** - To approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement, and for other purposes (Rep. Heller – Natural Resources)
5. **H.Res. 1255** - Honoring Toby Keith's commitment to members of the Armed Forces (Rep. Cole – Armed Services)
6. **H.Res. 1335** – Celebrating the 120-year partnership between Government and State veterans homes (Rep. Hodes – Veterans' Affairs)
7. **S. 2339** - Lt. Col. Clement C. Van Wagoner VA Clinic (Sen. Stabenow – Veterans' Affairs)
8. **H.R. 5736** - To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Gadsden, Alabama, as the Colonel Ola Lee Mize Veterans Clinic. (Rep. Aderholt– Veterans' Affairs)
9. **H.R.1594** - To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Hermitage, Pennsylvania, as the Michael A. Marzano Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic (Rep. English – Veterans' Affairs)
10. **H.R. 6064** - National Silver Alert Act (Rep. Doggett – Judiciary)
11. **H.R. 6503** - Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2008 (Rep. Waters – Judiciary)
12. **H.R. 2352** - School Safety Enhancements Act of 2007 (Rep. Rothman - Judiciary)

13. **H.R. 6855** - To extend the authority for the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court grounds, and for other purposes (Rep. Lamar Smith (TX) - Judiciary)
14. **H.Con.Res. 410** - Recognizing the FBI's 100th Anniversary (Rep. Gohmert - Judiciary)
15. **H.Res. 1425** - Honoring the life and music of the late Isaac Hayes (Rep. Blackburn – Judiciary)
16. **H.Res. 1372** – Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and recognizing the partnership between the City of Omaha, its citizens, and the University to build a vibrant and dynamic community (Rep. Terry – Education and Labor)

### **Bill Summary and Key Issues**

#### **H.R. 6842 – The National Capital Security and Safety Act**

#### **Findings**

This section includes findings of Congress including the following:

- The District of Columbia is a local self-governing jurisdiction and the seat of the United States government, with unique federal responsibilities;
- The President, the Vice President, and many cabinet and other federal officials reside in the District of Columbia; and
- Unregulated firearms in the capital would preclude the ability of the Metropolitan Police Department to track guns through registration and otherwise to help ensure that guns do not endanger federal officials and employees, visiting dignitaries, and other individuals.

#### **Revision of District of Columbia Firearms Laws**

- Requires the District of Columbia, within six months after enactment, to revise its laws governing the possession and use of firearms as necessary to comply with the decision of the Supreme Court in District of Columbia v. Heller.
- Amends the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 by adding a new section requiring the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia to ensure that the District's firearms laws are consistent with Heller.

#### **Amendment to H.R. 6842:**

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**Quote of the Day**

"Truth is generally the best vindication against slander."

- Abraham Lincoln

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